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# FATAL

# 1

## Shooter Information:

Case # 00H26F19C319

Age: 17

Firearm Used: Winchester 12 gauge

Game Hunted: Deer

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident: Chickasaw

Date of Accident: 12/10/2000

## Victim Information:

Age: 17

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☐ Fatal ☒

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 3 feet

Type of Cover: Brushy area

NARRATIVE: The two hunting companions were walking one behind the other. The shooter tripped and fell. His gun discharged striking the victim in the back and the 12 gauge sabot slug exited out his chest.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: The shooter stumbled and fell, the safety was off. Poor muzzle control.

# NONFATAL

# 1	Shooter Information:	Victim Information:
Case #	00H03PI07C309	
Age:	34	Age: 62
Firearm Used:	Lyman 50 Cal. Great Plains Muzzleloader	Type of Accident: Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Deer	Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 75 - 100 Yards
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type of Cover: Open area
County of Accident:	Black Hawk	
Date of Accident:	1/7/2000	

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a deer with his .50 caliber muzzleloader, hit victim in the left torso from about 75 - 100 yards. The injury was described as a superficial wound and the victim drove himself to the hospital.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim was covered by shooter swinging on game.

# 2	Shooter Information:	Victim Information:
Case #	00H01PI88C320	
Age:	26 (Self inflicted)	Age: N/A
Firearm Used:	.44 Ruger Super Black Hawk Handgun	Type of Accident: Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Deer	Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 12 inches
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type of Cover: N/A
County of Accident:	Union	
Date of Accident:	1/8/2000	

NARRATIVE: Victim was attempting to place handgun into holster and forgot he had the hammer pulled back. The gun discharged approximately 12 inches from below his knee and exited. No bone was hit.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Careless handling of a handgun as hammer was pulled back.

# 3

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H02PI84C384

Age: 25 (Self inflicted)

Age: N/A

Firearm Used: Win 12. Model 1120

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Coyote

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 3 feet

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of Cover: N/A

County of Accident: Sioux

Date of Accident: 1/8/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired a shot at a coyote and the tip of the barrel came apart and portion flew back and hit him in the ear causing a laceration. Injury required approximately 75 stitches to close.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Faulty equipment. May not have had tube choke securely tightened.

# 4

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H04PI68C388

Age: 50

Age: 36

Firearm Used: 12 Gauge 870

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Turkey

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☒

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 35 - 40 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☒

Type of Cover: dense cover

County of Accident: Union

Date of Accident: 4/22/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a movement and hit victim with approximately 35 pellets (right side of right leg, left leg, back, and lower neck).

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Shooter did not properly identify target before firing. He was also cited for no hunting license, no turkey permit, and using illegal ammo (duplex loads).

# 5	<b>Shooter Information:</b>		<b>Victim Information:</b>	
Case #	00H05PI19C319		Age:	16
Age:	15		Type of Accident:	Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Firearm Used:	Winchester 1200 12 gauge		Blaze Orange Apparel:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Ducks		Distance of Muzzle to Wound:	One foot
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Type of Cover:	Grassy area
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
County of Accident:	Chickasaw			
Date of Accident:	9/24/2000			

**NARRATIVE:** The victim and shooter were hunting ducks when a flock came into view. They tried to cover up in the grass when the shooter's gun fired unexpectedly and struck the victim in the right foot at point blank range. The wound fractured several bones and exited through the bottom of the foot at point blank range. The wound fractured several bones and exited through the bottom of the foot doing extensive damage.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Careless handling of a firearm.

# 6	<b>Shooter Information:</b>		<b>Victim Information:</b>	
Case #	00H06PI79C362		Age:	12
Age:	13		Type of Accident:	Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Firearm Used:	Remington 22 Cal.		Blaze Orange Apparel:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Squirrel		Distance of Muzzle to Wound:	17 yards
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Type of Cover:	Wooded ditch
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
County of Accident:	Poweshiek			
Date of Accident:	10/16/2000			

**NARRATIVE:** Two brothers were hunting squirrels in a wooded draw. The older brother spotted a squirrel about four to five feet off of the ground, then fired. He heard his younger brother scream. The .22 caliber slug hit the younger brother in the mouth, went through his tongue, and bounced off his pallet in the upper mouth. Fragments hit back of his throat.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Victim out of site of shooter -- not knowing where his hunting companion was.

## # 7

### Shooter Information:

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H14PI75C318

Age: Unknown

Age: 67

Firearm Used: Shotgun 12 gauge

Type of Accident:    Non-fatal    ☒    Fatal    ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate:      Yes   ☐   No   ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 60 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Open grassy area

County of Accident: Plymouth

Date of Accident: 10/28/2000

NARRATIVE: The victim was blocking a field while three blockers were "driving" the pheasants. The victim moved several feet out of position to get a better shot when a pheasant flushed and two or three of the drivers fired and hit the victim who was out of position. One pellet hit the victim and lodged in the flesh of his neck.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim hit by shooters swinging on game.

# 8

**Shooter Information:****Victim Information:**

Case # 00H31PI54C348

Age: 33

Age: 31

Firearm Used: Remington 870 12 Gauge

Type of Accident:    Non-fatal    ☒    Fatal    ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 30 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Rolling crop land

County of Accident: Keokuk

Date of Accident: 10/28/2000

NARRATIVE: A group of seven pheasant hunters were walking toward the east. A pheasant flushed resulting in two hunters shooting at the bird. Based on information provided by the hunter, one of the hunters shot at the pheasant which was in the direction of the victim. Victim sustained pellet wounds to the face and arms.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Shooting at game in direction of flying bird.

# 9	<b>Shooter Information:</b>	<b>Victim Information:</b>
Case #	00H12PI74C374	
Age:	12	Age: 28
Firearm Used:	Browning 20 gauge	Type of Accident: Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Pheasant	Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 113 feet
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type of Cover: Field/Cropland Level
County of Accident:	Palo Alto	
Date of Accident:	10/28/2000	

**NARRATIVE:** The 12-year-old shooter was shooting at a pheasant when 9 pellets struck the victim in the face, chest, and hand.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Victim covered by shooter swinging on game.

# 10	<b>Shooter Information:</b>	<b>Victim Information:</b>
Case #	00H07PI16C389	
Age:	29	Age: 57
Firearm Used:	Moss 12 gauge 500	Type of Accident: Non-fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/>
Game Hunted:	Pheasant	Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Education Graduate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 45 yards
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type of Cover: Short weeds by creek
County of Accident:	Cedar	
Date of Accident:	10/28/2000	

**NARRATIVE:** Shooter had just retrieved a pheasant. While walking back to the rest of the group another pheasant flushed and shooter fired two shots killing the pheasant and also hitting his father, the victim. The victim was hit with 34 pellets mostly to the chest and stomach and several to the groin area, both arms, one in the forehead, and broke one finger. Victim not wearing blaze orange.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Shooter was focused on the bird and was swinging on game when accident occurred. If victim was wearing hunter orange this accident may have been avoided.



**# 11                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H09PI05C301

Age:        36

Firearm Used:     12 Remington 1000

Game Hunted:     Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☒ No ☐Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident:     Audubon

Date of Accident:     10/29/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        43

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 18 yards

Type of Cover: Brushy ditch

NARRATIVE: Shooters dog went on point in dense cover in a ravine. The pheasant flushed and the shooter fired hitting two victims who were out of sight and wearing hunter orange. One victim received the pellet in the right calf and the other victim was hit by 23 pellets from a distance of 18 yards in the head, neck, chest, and forearm. Some of the shot ricocheted and hit victims.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Miscommunication between hunters and also swinging on game and ricochet.

**# 12                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H24PI86C334

Age:        Unk

Firearm Used:     Unk

Game Hunted:     Ducks

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☐ No ☐Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☐ No ☒

County of Accident:     Tama

Date of Accident:     10/29/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        36 and 24

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 25 yards

Type of Cover: Marsh

NARRATIVE: Approximately 15 to 20 minutes prior to shooting time the two victims were set up to hunt ducks with their decoys out. Another hunter appeared from the northwest. The hunter dressed in duck hunting clothing fired one shot hitting both victims. The shooter turned around and walked back to the parking lot.

#1 victim sustained 1 pellet behind right eye resulting in nerve damage.

#2 victim took pellets to right shoulder and right thigh. Seven pellets penetrated his waders.

Unknown whether shooter was Hunter Education graduate.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Shooter possibly thought the decoys were ducks and discharged too early and failure to properly identify target.

# 13

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H08PI50C320

Age: 45

Age: 48

Firearm Used: Browning 12 gauge BPS

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 60 - 80 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Hedge row

County of Accident: Jasper

Date of Accident: 10/29/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a flushed pheasant and one pellet ricocheted off of some hardwoods and struck the victim on top of the left hand.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Make sure you know the location of your hunting companion before you shoot ... ricochet.

# 14

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H10PI76C376

Age: 45

Age: 24

Firearm Used: 12 gauge Coast to Coast Model  
267 shotgun

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 10 - 15 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Brushy thicket

County of Accident: Pocahontas

Date of Accident: 10/29/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter stumbled and fell, gun discharged hitting his son approximately 10 - 15 yards away ... several pellets hit the victim in the head, chest, abdomen, and lower leg.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Shooter stumbled and fell, did not control muzzle away from victim.

**# 15                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H15PI55C355

Age:        39

Firearm Used:     Winchester 1200 12 ga.

Game Hunted:     Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☐ No ☐Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident:     Kossuth

Date of Accident:     11/4/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        54

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☐ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 30-35 yards

Type of Cover: Tall Grass

NARRATIVE: Victim was pheasant hunting and got ahead of the rest of his hunting party. While out in front a pheasant got up between shooter and victim. Victim was shot as game flew between the two individuals.

Blaze orange apparel unknown. Hunter Education graduate unknown.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim out of sight of shooter.

**# 16                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H11PI48C389

Age:        63

Firearm Used:     12 gauge Smith/Wesson 1000

Game Hunted:     Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☐ No ☒Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident:     Iowa

Date of Accident:     11/2/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        36

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 64 yards

Type of Cover: Open ditch, side of road

NARRATIVE: A pheasant flushed between two hunters and the shooter fired and hit the victim who was approximately 64 yards away with 15 pellets. Victim received two pellets in the lip, one in the ear, one in the thumb, several in left shoulder, and several in both legs.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Game flew between shooter and victim, victim hit by shooter swinging on game . . . victim did not have any hunter orange apparel which may have prevented this accident. Shooter was blocking and should have been aware where his hunting partner was located.

# 17

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H13PI56 SHERIFF

Age: 10 (Self inflicted)

Age: N/A

Firearm Used: .22 caliber rifle Marlin

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Squirrel

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: None

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of Cover: N/A

County of Accident: Lee

Date of Accident: 11/4/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter & victim was resting barrel of rifle on his foot when it discharged and exited through the bottom of his foot.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Careless gun handling.

# 18

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H17PI73C301

Age: Unknown - Dog

Age: 58

Firearm Used: Remington 1100 12 Gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☒

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 6 inches

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: In vehicle

County of Accident: Page

Date of Accident: 11/25/2000

NARRATIVE: Victim was sitting in his vehicle to rest, he placed his shotgun in the vehicle loaded, then called his dog who jumped in and the dog jumped on his lap. While the dog was making his way through the clothing, gun, and other clutter between the seats, he apparently stepped on the trigger of the gun and it fired one shot that traveled through the victim's right heel and exited out the bottom of his right foot.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Loaded gun in a vehicle - poor judgement.

# 19

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H16PI73C301

Age: 25

Age: 24

Firearm Used: Beretta 390 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Quail

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 45 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Light cover

County of Accident: Page

Date of Accident: 11/25/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a quail while following it with his shotgun. On his second shot two pellets hit the victim; one in the forehead and one in the neck from about 45 yards.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim hit by shooter swinging on game.

# 20

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H18PI52C352

Age: 49

Age: 38

Firearm Used: 870 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☒

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 25 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Grassy slough

County of Accident: Johnson

Date of Accident: 12/1/2000

NARRATIVE: The shooter and victim were pheasant hunting and working two separate grassy draws. When the two draws came together a pheasant flushed and the shooter fired hitting the victim with several pellets from about 25 yards in the leg. Shooter was not aware of the location of the victim who was not wearing hunter orange.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Swinging on game.

# 21

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H22PI96C396

Age: 26

Age: 19

Firearm Used: Remington 1100 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 105 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Open area

County of Accident: Winneshiek

Date of Accident: 12/2/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a running deer and hit deer with first shot and then fired another hitting the victim in left forearm from approximately 105 yards. The slug entered the left forearm below and lodged in upper arm.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim was out of sight of shooter; slug ricocheted before striking victim.

# 22

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H19PI91C391

Age: 46

Age: 25

Firearm Used: 870 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 27 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Dense cover

County of Accident: Warren

Date of Accident: 12/3/2000

NARRATIVE: The shooter was walking through some dense brush when his gun became entangled and he tried to pull the guns through. It discharged hitting the victim who was 27 yards away. The rifle slug entered the left thigh 1/2 inch below the groin and followed around exited on the inside front of thigh. The wound luckily did no muscle or bone damage and will recover fully.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Careless gun handling, failure to have safety on gun and did not control muzzle of gun.

# 23

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H20PI03C345

Age: 30 (Self Inflicted)

Age: N/A

Firearm Used: .44 S/W M629-1 handgun

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 3 feet

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of Cover: Pastured hillside

County of Accident: Allamakee

Date of Accident: 12/3/2000

**NARRATIVE:** Victim was walking up a pastured hillside when he slipped and fell. His Smith & Wesson handgun accidentally discharged hitting the victim in the right heel of his foot. The bullet grazed the heel creating a deep channel in the flesh.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Victim stumbled and fell while carrying his scoped handgun and apparently had his finger inside of the finger guard.

# 24

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H28PI89C351

Age: 33 (Self inflicted)

Age: N/A

Firearm Used: H&R Topper 158 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: N/A

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of Cover: N/A

County of Accident: Van Buren

Date of Accident: 12/3/2000

**NARRATIVE:** Shooter/victim was firing at a deer with a shotgun loaded with 12 gauge slugs. After the third shot the barrel blew out on the left side approximately six inches from the breech. The victim suffered a laceration on his left thumb. The gun had been in a fire and may have caused the gun to be defective.

**CAUSE/PREVENTION:** Defective firearm.

# 25

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H21PD16C389

Age: 14 (Property Damage)

Age: N/A

Firearm Used: Winchester 1300 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 213 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of Cover: Timbered area

County of Accident: Cedar

Date of Accident: 12/3/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a deer with his 12 gauge Winchester two times and did not realize one of the slugs hit a parked pickup 213 yards away. No one was injured and shooter agreed to pay for the damages on the pickup.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Pickup was out of sight of shooter.

# 26

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H23PI19C334

Age: 15

Age: 36

Firearm Used: 12 gauge shotgun

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 129 to 236 yds

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Old sand pit

County of Accident: Chickasaw

Date of Accident: 12/3/2000

NARRATIVE: The 15-year-old shooter shot three times at a wounded deer. When he shot the second time he heard the victim yell. The slug passed through the right calf without damaging bone or arteries. Victim was standing behind a power pole.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim out of sight of shooter -- may not have focused beyond the target.



# 27

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H25PI70C370

Age: 38

Age: 46

Firearm Used: 870 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 190 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: CRP grass field

County of Accident: Muscatine

Date of Accident: 12/4/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired three times at a running deer. One of the slugs entered victim's outer forearm between elbow and wrist in the left side of the body. Slug passed between lower ribs, struck spleen, passed left kidney, and lodged near spine in lower back.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim was out of sight of shooter, and was not in the area where shooter thought he would be. Deer ran between the two hunters.

# 28

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H29PI06C306

Age: 14

Age: 13

Firearm Used: Remington 870 Exp 20 ga.

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 127 yards

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Timber

County of Accident: Benton

Date of Accident: 12/6/2000

NARRATIVE: Driver was pushing deer towards the road. Shooter shoots once then twice at deer. Victim is posted and hears both shots. Victim sees slug coming through the snow which hits him in the left leg causing wound about the size of a golf ball. After being hit victim dropped his gun. Victim then picked up his gun and shot four times at passing deer.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim out of sight of shooter.

# 29

**Shooter Information:****Victim Information:**

Case # 00H27PI81C301

Age: 27

Age: 48

Firearm Used: Remington 870 12 gauge

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 5 feet

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: Getting gun out of vehicle

County of Accident: Sac

Date of Accident: 12/9/2000

NARRATIVE: The son was removing his loaded firearm from the back seat of his vehicle. The gun discharged striking his father in the right shoulder and exited out his back. Accident happened on private property.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Loaded firearm in the vehicle, while uncasing the firearm.

# 30

**Shooter Information:****Victim Information:**

Case # 00H30PI23C323

Age: 38

Age: 9

Firearm Used: Knight disk 50 caliber  
muzzleloaderType of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Game Hunted: Deer

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☒ No ☐Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1 foot

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of Cover: In vehicle in open field

County of Accident: Clinton

Date of Accident: 12/9/2000

NARRATIVE: Shooter and victim were in the vehicle and were getting ready to hunt. The victim placed the disk in the muzzleloader. The shooter was in the process to pull the muzzleloader out of the case when it discharged, striking the victim in the right foot. The victim lost his big toe and possibly could lose the 2nd toe depending upon the success of surgery. Accident happened in an open field.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Trigger caught on object . . . not a good idea to have loaded gun in vehicle.

**# 31                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H37PD09C309  
Age:        Unknown  
Firearm Used:     Unknown  
Game Hunted:     Deer  
Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☒ No ☐  
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐  
County of Accident:     Bremer  
Date of Accident:     12/9/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        Slug hit home  
Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☐ Fatal ☐  
Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☐ No ☐  
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Damage unk  
Type of Cover:     Edge of tree line

NARRATIVE: At approximately 8:15 a.m. the owner of a residence heard "many gun shots" during the opening day of the second deer season. Owner discovered a hole in the east wall of the residence and another hole across the room in a mirror. Several hunters who were in the area at the time of the shooting were interviewed and the shooter was not determined.

Type of Accident: Property Damage  
Blaze Orange Apparel: NA

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Shooter in this instance did not make his shots based on what was beyond the target.

**# 32                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H32PI42C342  
Age:        41  
Firearm Used:     1100 12 gauge RPM  
Game Hunted:     Deer  
Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☒ No ☐  
Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐  
County of Accident:     Hardin  
Date of Accident:     12/14/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        19  
Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐  
Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☒ No ☐  
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 272  
Type of Cover:     Edge of tree line

NARRATIVE: Shooter fired at a running buck five times and one of the slugs struck the victim on the inside of the left knee from approximately 270 yards. Luckily the slug did not penetrate but left a deep bruise.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Victim was out of sight of shooter. Also the shooter was a stander who left his assigned position and moved to another location. The other hunters did not know where he was located.

**# 33                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H34PI69C369

Age:        18

Firearm Used:       Stevens .22

Game Hunted:       Rabbits

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☒ No ☐Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident:     Montgomery

Date of Accident:       12/19/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:        15

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 10 feet

Type of Cover:     Rolling field/crop land

NARRATIVE: Two brothers walking, one behind the other. The brother walking behind tripped and the .22 caliber rifle discharged striking the brother in the lead in the left thigh. Slug missed major artery and bone, did not exit.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Poor muzzle control, safety was off.

**# 34                      Shooter Information:**

Case #     00H35PI52C352

Age:        34

Firearm Used:       Remington 1187 12 Gauge

Game Hunted:       Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate:     Yes ☐ No ☒Shooter & Victim in Same Party:     Yes ☐ No ☐

County of Accident:     Johnson

Date of Accident:       12/24/2000

**Victim Information:**

Age:

Type of Accident:     Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐Blaze Orange Apparel:     Yes ☒ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1 foot

Type of Cover:     Vehicle

NARRATIVE: After shooting at a pheasant the victim stepped back into his vehicle, his gun in his right hand. The gun discharged and caused severe damage to the right calf muscle. Also damaged the bone in the right leg.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Loaded gun in a vehicle.

# 35

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H33PI16C389

Age: 22

Firearm Used: Inter-American 12 gauge

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☐ No ☒

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☒ No ☐

County of Accident: Cedar

Date of Accident: 12/24/2000

Age:

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☐

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 4 inches

Type of Cover: In vehicle

NARRATIVE: Victim was riding in the passenger seat of the car. He got the double barrel shotgun out and was loading it when it fired approximately four inches from his left foot inside the car. The victim/shooter did not have hunter education or a hunting license, and was in the vehicle when the gun discharged.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Loaded gun in vehicle.

Citation issued for manner of conveyance and no small game license.

# 36

**Shooter Information:**

**Victim Information:**

Case # 00H36PI22C322

Age: 17

Firearm Used: Beretta 12 ga.

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes ☒ No ☐

Shooter & Victim in Same Party: Yes ☐ No ☒

County of Accident: Clayton

Date of Accident: 12/30/2000

Age: 15

Type of Accident: Non-fatal ☒ Fatal ☐

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes ☐ No ☒

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 80 yards

Type of Cover: Road Right of Way--Victim was in house yard area

NARRATIVE: Two hunters were pushing a wooded draw toward a residence. The third member of the hunting party was blocking. Several pheasants flushed. One flew between the shooter and the victim. The shooter fired twice, the second shot struck the female victim in the hand walking from the machine shed to the house.

CAUSE/PREVENTION: Shooter shot towards residence. Victim may have been partially obscured from shooter's view. Shooter made unsafe shot toward residence.